The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieutenant General James A. Williams, USA

Director

Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT

: Soviet Oil Estimates

1. I understand that DIA has an estimate on Soviet oil production and prospects ready for publication. In view of the concerns expressed by the chairman of my Military-Economic Advisory Panel in the attached letter, I think both CIA and DIA should hold off putting out any further estimates on the Soviet oil issue until we can sort out the analytic problems and better understand the basis of the differences between the two assessments.

2. I have asked Hans Heymann, National Intelligence Officer at Tto develop a working dialogue Large, to be in touch with between DIA and CIA on this issue, looking eventually to a joint estimate.

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William J. Casey of Central Intelligence

Attachment